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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDENORI TAKATA, ET AL.) Examiner: Khanh B. Pham
Application No.: 09/852,615) Group Art Unit: 2177
Filed: May 11, 2001)
For: INFORMATION)
MANAGEMENT APPARATUS,)
INFORMATION)
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND)
STORING MEDIUM)
STORING INFORMATION)
MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE) Monday, February 2, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 for three months from October 31, 2003 to Monday, February 2, 2004.

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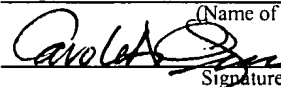
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Signature

Monday, February 2, 2004
Date of Signature

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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